

## **Business and Cooperative Programs Success Stories/Best Practices**

**State: Louisiana**

**Success Story – Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program**

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Name of Grantee:	University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Name of Project:	Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Training and Technical Assistance
City and State:	Lafayette, Louisiana
Program:	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program
Amount:	\$275,000
Date Obligated:	June 9, 2004
Congressional Representation	Senators: Landrieu and Vitter Congressman: Boustany (District 7)
Description of Project:	Rural Development funds will be used by the Manufacturing Extension Partnership of Louisiana (MEPoL) to provide training and technical assistance to rural businesses throughout Louisiana. MEPoL is a University of Louisiana at Lafayette-sponsored program and one of 61 centers of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Program. As a result of the Rural Development funding, MEPoL will be able to help manufacturers in Louisiana improve productivity and profitability.